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## Canyon Country Man Sentenced for Killing His Father

A 32-year-old man was sentenced to 15 years to life in state prison today for the killing of his 54-year-old father, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Nathan Bartos said Juan Alexander Mejia of Canyon Country pleaded no contest on April 14 to one count of second-degree murder in case PA076988.

On May 16, 2013, Mejia came home drunk, kicked the garage door open and shot his father, Juan Mejia, once in the head killing him, the prosecutor said. The victim slept inside his garage with the door locked because of previous violent outbursts by his son, according to court testimony.

Mejia admitted pointing the gun at his father but claimed to have fired by accident, the prosecutor added. According to the evidence presented in court, following the shooting the defendant fled the scene and buried the weapon in a riverbed.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.